



**STANDING TALL:** Nineteen-year-old RoAnne Chaney, of Battle Creek, prepares to leave the University of Michigan's C. S. Mott Children's Hospital Friday after undergoing a year-long series of operations that gave her four new artificial hip and knee joints. A victim of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, RoAnne had been locked in a partly crouched position since she was five years old. Replacement of a single hip or knee is fairly common but replacement of all four joints has rarely been done. (AP Wirephoto)

## Surgeons Replace Girl's Leg Joints

# Now She Can 'Stand Tall'

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — A 19-year-old Battle Creek girl has a new life ahead of her now that she can stand straight and tall for the first time in 14 years.

RoAnne Chaney, a victim of rheumatoid arthritis since she was 5, has had her hip and knee joints replaced with artificial joints at the University of Michigan's C.S. Mott Children's hospital.

Made of plastic and metal, the new joints were

taller made for the 4-foot-9, 80-pound girl.

Spindles from the new joints extend into her legs, leaving only 1 1/4 inches of unsupported bone between hips and knees.

Dr. Herbert Kaufer, an orthopedic surgeon who headed the surgical team that replaced RoAnne's joints, said such replacement is attempted rarely.

"In most cases we would not have tried a four-joint



**REAL ELEPHANT EGG** is placed by a hummingbird's nest just for size at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, in preparation for an exhibition, "The Egg." The egg was found on Madagascar (Malagasy Republic) half a century ago, weighs some 15 pounds, and was laid by the now-extinct flightless elephant bird, which weighed a thousand pounds.

## Detroit Not Backing Down Despite Parking Ticket Ruling

DETROIT (AP) — Andrew C. Wood, presiding judge of Detroit Traffic Court, doesn't care what they do in suburban Birmingham. Parking violators will continue to pay fines in the Motor City.

Wood said a ruling Friday by the 48th District Court requiring meter maid to see who parked a vehicle before issuing a ticket will have little effect on Detroit.

"The Detroit ordinance, to assume the guilt of a vehicle's

owner when it is ticketed, was upheld by the State Supreme Court 30 years ago," Wood said.

"I don't know what their problem is up in Birmingham, but we've been operating on that principle for a long time," he said.

Birmingham officials have indicated they will appeal the ruling, since parking ticket fines add nearly \$70,000 a year to city coffers.

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# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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# Dirty Books And Movies Are In Legal Trouble

By a sharply divided (5-4) majority and in tart language, the U.S. Supreme Court is permitting the states and local communities to move against hard core pornography.

The decision reverses a 1966 ruling which held pornography is to be judged by a national standard.

That yardstick said for material to be judged obscene it must "be utterly without redeeming social importance."

The 1966 decision pretty effectively cancelled local anti-smut ordinances which fit into a 1957 Court opinion declaring the boundary between art and pornography to be "whether to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest."

The 1973 distinction can be judged by one of two approaches:

"Whether the work describes in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law," or

"Whether the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

If the reader feels the Justices, present and past, are tossing out a confusing agglomeration of words, he need not be abashed whatever because throughout history it has been impossible to define obscenity in terms of universal agreement.

It is a subjective thing.

Some people consider a nude photograph as obscene.

Others can take it or leave it.

The judicial dialectics seek to protect the encroachment upon freedom of expression by local bluenose laws which are crouched in the broad, vague terms of "no dirty books, movies, photographs are allowed," and at the same time shield the person of average sensibilities from the absolutely outrageous.

They strive to strike a balance between artistic expression and those

people who become "appalled" at anything at the drop of a hat.

Reducing all this verbiage, the Court's and our's, to cases, the newest ruling holds that a local ordinance can ban the movie, "Deep Throat," which portrays oral sex most explicitly, but probably can not screen out a picture of a naked man and woman kissing and holding hands.

Chief Justice Warren Burger, who authored the majority opinion, give the local censors some tips on how they might proceed. These are two examples he cited:

"Patently offensive representations or descriptions of ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated." Under this test, our naked boy and girl can hold hands or kiss.

"Patently offensive representations or descriptions of masturbation, excretory functions, and lewd exhibition of the genitals."

"Deep Throat" loses under either one.

While the majority says the folks down in Tupelo, Mississippi, can define obscenity differently than New York City's sophisticates might do, Burger is not giving the bluenoses a free rein.

The examples cited in his opinion are traffic lights, telling state and local legislative bodies what they can proscribe and what they may not ban.

Local standards, in effect, must conform to what Burger establishes as a national average.

Though the 1966 guide line takes a sounder approach to an extremely touchy question it did spawn a terrific volume of commercialized trash for which the money spent on it could be diverted to more useful purposes.

Burger lays no claim to being an artistic genius, neither is he a stuffy person on or off the bench.

His "go-no go" examples are an honest effort to put in practical terms the subtlety which separates artistic quintessence from just plain barnyard demonstrations.

# Key BH Appointments

## Apear Outstanding

Only time will tell for certain, but Benton Harbor City Manager Charles A. Morrison appears to have made a pair of outstanding appointments to key jobs at city hall.

Yesterday, Morrison announced that Andrew Rodez, 41, a sergeant with the Evanston, Ill., police department, is the new Benton Harbor police chief.

Two weeks ago, the manager named Melvin Farmer, Jr., of Benton Harbor to fill the new post of deputy city manager for employee relations and human resources development.

One obviously good thing about the appointments is that the appointees are black. In a predominantly black city, that's both just and sensible.

The appointees seem likely to have an immediate rapport with the community, whereas a person of another race would take a while to earn it.

More important than race, however, is the fact that the city manager has picked a couple of men whose credentials indicate they were picked for merit, not for the color of their skin.

"Mel" Farmer has lived 29 of his 33 years in Benton Harbor, time enough

for anyone who knows him to recognize that he is friendly, articulate and able. He brings to his new city role both the theoretical training of a college degree and the practical experience gained as deputy director of the local Model Cities program.

The new police chief is not expected here until next week when local citizens will have their first chance to size him up personally. But his background — both academic and practical — is impressive, indeed.

A veteran of 15 years with the Evanston police department, Andrew Rodez holds a social science degree, a master's degree in special education, a certificate in police management, and he's working on his Ph.D. in law enforcement. His picture shows him to be a handsome man. And he has a background in professional sports. So he has something going with both adults and kids.

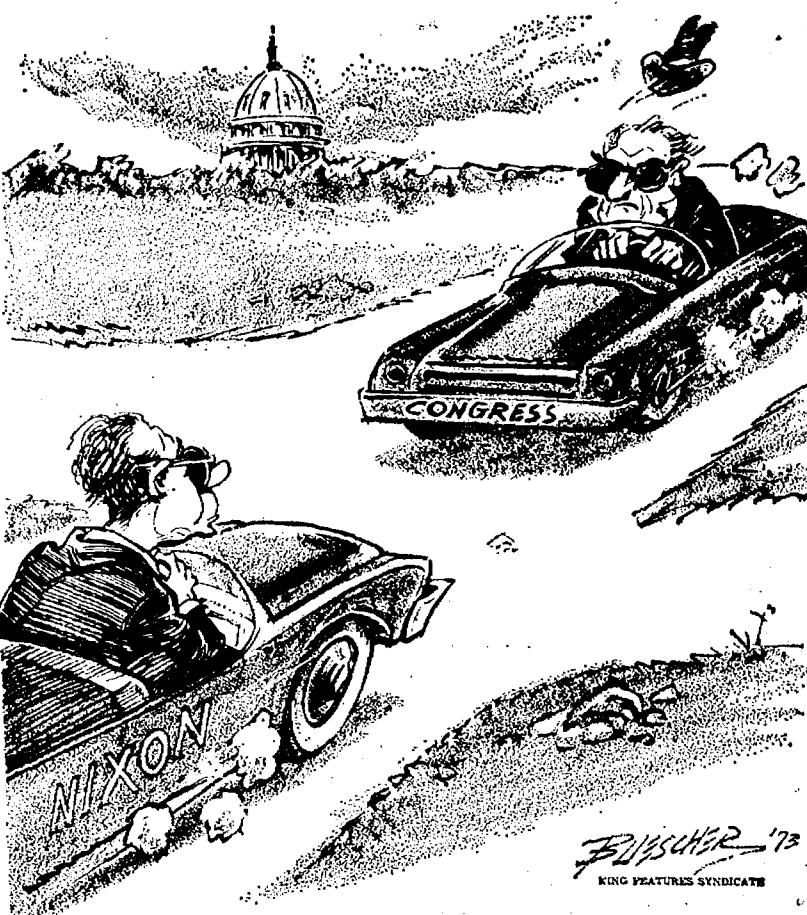
Under the leadership of Mayor Charles Joseph, the city commission has spent more than a year picking a municipal team that can combat some really heavyweight problems. The quarterback, Manager Morrison, was installed only four months ago. Now he's getting some formidable backs and receivers on hand. It just could be that Benton Harbor has a better season ahead.

### The Complete Vacation

What does make a vacation? Absence of responsibility is basic. The person who can take it easy, stretch and loaf, do exactly what he wants to do when he wants to do it, and be his own master for a little while is having a vacation.

A vacation should be lived according to rules that aren't too different from the way one lives at home, a vacation that is a vacation depends apparently on one's attitude toward it. The ability to give up the sense of responsibility and pressure, the light hearted attitude of living from day to day, the revived sense of adventure are basic.

### Playing Chicken?



Ray Cromley

### Aid To Russia Could Backfire



WASHINGTON (NEA) — President Nixon is gambling a lot in his growing involvement with Soviet Russia's Leonid Brezhnev. The gamble itself is easily stated.

The United States would give huge amounts of credit and technical aid to the U.S.S.R. and make major investments in, and massive mutually profitable trade deals with that country over the next decade. Will the prospects of major economic growth and prosperity lure Brezhnev and his associates to concentrate on peaceful domestic and international goals as opposed to direct or indirect aggression against Russia's neighbors or unstable nations in Asia, the Middle East and Africa?

There would be growing contact of influential Russians with the American scene. Will this lead to pressures for a better way of life among Russia's ruling elite and managerial classes, forcing Moscow to be forced to diversify more and more of its resources away from military build-ups and into internal consumer demands?

The other side of the gamble is this. Massive American

assistance will give the Soviet Union great new economic power. Will this enable the Soviet rulers to build such strength that they can more effectively bring military, economic and political pressure on their neighbors and on the free world generally?

At this time, no one can answer these questions — no expert in or out of the government. Different specialists will give different answers.

The theory on which Mr. Nixon is gambling is straightforward — but unproven. It makes sense from Western democratic logic, and we tend to believe that among intelligent Western logic and Eastern logic run in parallel lines. But no one knows this for certain. The Vietnam war years demonstrated just how far apart Western and Eastern logic can be.

The potential rewards of the approach to Brezhnev are great. The gamble, if successful, could mean the difference between peace and nuclear war. But the risks are equally alarming. A stronger rampaging Soviet Union could insure a global holocaust.

### '73 Campus Mood

#### Appears Serene



### GLANCING BACKWARDS

#### CONSTRUCTION HALTED IN EFFICIENCY MOVE

— 1 Year Ago —

Construction of the number two generating unit at the Donald C. Cook nuclear plant near Bridgeman has been halted in an efficiency move which involves cutting 600 men off 3,500 man work force.

Indiana and Michigan Electric company officials said move would result in savings in construction costs through better utilization of work force and experience. Work is to be resumed on unit number two once number one generating unit is done. Construction on \$400 million project began in

March, 1969.

#### SILENCE MARKS BLACK PROTEST

— 10 Years Ago —

Led by a hearse symbolizing the death of segregation and wearing black arm bands for murdered Medgar Evers, Twin City Blacks marched in Benton Harbor. Carrying signs such as "All Men Are Created Equal?" and "We Want Rights Today," approximately 100 blacks and several white persons walked down Main street, and turned off to the city hall where a ceremony was held on the front steps.

An almost eerie silence was

the most impressive aspect of the march. Demonstrators were orderly and there were no incidents. Leading the block-long procession was the Rev. Ellis Hull, pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church.

#### GOP CONVENTION IN WINDY CITY

— 29 Years Ago —

The nation's Republican delegates converged on Chicago today as party leaders finished preliminaries to the opening Monday of the 1944 GOP national convention, the first wartime convention since Civil War days. While delegates prepared for state caucuses, the party's platform drafters were expected to finish work today after formal approval by a resolutions subcommittee of a foreign policy plank.

Meanwhile, backers of presidential candidates continued lining up delegates, with supporters of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Gov. John W. Bricker enlivening pre-convention affairs with their verbal sparing.

#### KEEP OUT

— 39 Years Ago —  
Prosecuting Attorney Harvey W. Holbrook advises the police to enforce strictly the ban on fireworks.

#### WAR ON HOBOES

— 49 Years Ago —  
Mayor L.A. King and the city council declared war on the hoboes who are flooding Berrien county during the fruit harvest. "Tell the police to make things hot for them," the mayor said,

#### MINT KING

— 59 Years Ago —  
Thousands of dollars have been lost to A.E. Beebe, the mint king, and his two sons, due to the frost of the early part of the week which ravaged the mint crop on their extensive holdings near Baroda and in the Cass county districts.

### EDITOR'S MAILBAG

#### UNIONISTS CHARGE EDITORIAL ONE-SIDED

Editor,

We feel that your article on the Editorial Page of your publication of June 19, 1973, regarding the construction of the Shell Oil Company refinery in Kalkaska was completely one-sided.

We agree that the plant should be a boon to the economy in the Kalkaska area, however, the people in the Kalkaska area will benefit from this project only if local people are hired and local merchants are patronized. Please answer the following questions. Who is supplying the material for the job? Is it a local supplier? How many of the Delta employees were residents of Kalkaska or Michigan, for that matter, prior to the start of the project?

In regards to the question of violence and arrests, how many Construction Tradesmen have been needlessly beaten? How many Tradesmen have been arrested for no reason other than standing in the wrong place and/or similar offenses? How many Delta employees have been arrested for violence or acts that would lead to violence?

You have quoted Delta employees as saying they make good money, "Good Money" by what standards? What an agricultural worker considers "good money" would be considered far below par by a factory worker. Compare the average annual working hours for a Construction Tradesman of less than 900 hours last year with persons working 40 hours a week, 50 weeks a year or 2000 hours annually in other industries. What standard should be used to calculate "good money"?

There is an age old misconception that all Union officials are highly paid and drive Cadillacs. The truth is that most Business Representatives of Construction Locals make little more than the man working with his tools.

In reference to the 400 State Troopers and other policemen who make up the force at Kalkaska, they are there not

only to protect Shell Oil Company property and Delta employees, but, also to protect Construction Tradesmen and their property.

In answer to your allegation that we are trying to force a monopoly, this is simply not true. We feel that the Contractors in the state of Michigan who have negotiated in good faith with the Trades Unions have done so based on competitive bids for construction projects. Those Contractors who pay well below the prevailing scales can and do figure what any given project bid would be at the prevailing wages. After doing so, they submit a bid which is a very small percentage below that of a Union Contractor. In so doing, these Contractors make a larger profit. In many instances, the local area surrounding the project does not benefit because these contractors do not hire local people nor do they patronize local merchants. We feel that this creates unfair competition for Contractors who do pay prevailing wages and, therefore, jeopardizes our jobs.

In conclusion, we feel that it is very unfortunate that members

of the media, who are supposedly well informed and well educated, must resort to name calling and try to make Construction Tradesmen, who are, like men in other industries, trying to support their families and protect their jobs, look like the heavies in a gangster movie.

Lee Knitter,  
President  
Carpenters Local 898

Arthur G. Bowie,  
Vice-President  
Michigan State  
Building Trades

### Refuses Oath

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — A Naval Academy graduate who left the service as a conscientious objector has refused to sign a school board oath of office pledging him to defend the U.S. constitution.

### BERRY'S WORLD



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completely unaffected by the mood of the 1960s, but, unlike my college generation, they are also untouched by the 1930s and the great Depression.

In many ways this makes them much more relaxed than we were, and more attractive.

Even the Ivy Leaguers I went to college with were immensely achievement-oriented, as the sociologists say. The drive was paramount to get into law school or medical school or out into a career of some sort, to become securely established as quickly as possible.

There was more than a touch of grimness about all this, and behind it you could sense the difficult, insecure history of the 1930s, the memory of pennies pinched even in the middle-class family, a half-remembered childhood menace.

Now all that is past. Today's senior, unlike his 1950s counterpart, probably has had a car or a motorcycle in college. He has spent a couple of summers in Europe, maybe hitchhiking. He doesn't view jet travel as anything extraordinary; youth fares, charter flights and other deals put it well within the reach of most. If he goes to an Eastern college, he nevertheless has probably been out to Vail, Colo., a couple of times for some skiing.

I notice that quite a few seniors, unlike their 1950s counterparts, are not rushing ahead with their career plans or into graduate school. But this is not any kind of dropout or "greening" phenomenon. They do plan eventually to move ahead with serious careers. It is just that they want to take a couple of years off and do one thing or another — travel, work at temporary but interesting jobs like tennis or ski coaching, do something in a program like Vista.

No, it is not like the 1950s. The atmosphere is more as one imagines it to have been in, say, the 1930s: a certain tranquility and relaxation, a good deal of assured individuality, an intelligent interest in ideas and in the world, some healthy skepticism, and a general feeling, which could easily be mistaken, that the next war is a long way off.

One of the sadder figures on the contemporary scene, as a matter of fact, is the radical young assistant professor who got his Ph.D. in the 1960s and is bubbling over with supposed "relevance." He is, generally regarded as a kind of freak, he has a tiny clientele, and in most departments a limited future. Oddly enough, the real generation gap now seems to fall between the 30-year-old Berkeley professor and the 20-year-old contemporary student.

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Twin City  
Highlights

## German Couple Weds Here

# Say 'I Do' American Style

BY SCOTT WILLIAMSON

Staff Writer

A Bavarian couple vacationing in St. Joseph became man and wife yesterday in a civil ceremony at the Berrien county courthouse.

And in keeping with an old

American tradition, the newlyweds said they would like to spend part of their honeymoon at Niagara Falls.

Wearing their native Bavarian outfits before Magistrate Joyce Bucher, Fraulein Eva Griner and Alex Fleischier

said the traditional "I do's" and were pronounced husband and wife.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Fleischier are in St. Joseph visiting Mrs. Hildegard Dansfield, of 418 LaSalle avenue, St. Joseph. Mrs. Dansfield's brother

and Mrs. Fleischier's father are close friends in Germany, which prompted the couple's visit to St. Joseph.

Mrs. Fleischier said the wedding in America was sort of a "spur-of-the-moment" idea, although the two have been en-

gaged for about two years.

"Our families are quite spread out in Germany, and it would have been difficult to bring them all together in one place," Mrs. Fleischier said in good English.

"We both felt getting married in America would be a good idea, and a unique experience," she added.

The couple plans to return to Germany in a few weeks.

Fleischier is a sales manager for a large firm in Stuttgart that sells industrial equipment. Mrs. Fleischier is a secretary for a Japanese firm that manufactures parts for vehicles.

They plan to make their home in his house in Stuttgart, but will keep her apartment in Munich as a weekend "getaway."

Besides her secretarial duties, Mrs. Fleischier is a competition manager for a German sports organization that sets up pentathlon events for visiting teams from all over the world.

The Fleischiers said they like the U.S. very much and have had a lot of fun here. They said they were particularly impressed by the friendliness of people in America, and especially in the Twin Cities.

The wedding ceremony, performed in English, was attended by Mrs. Dansfield and Mrs. Frank Melcher, also of St. Joseph.

It was a pleasant task for Magistrate Bucher, whose main duties are imposing traffic fines.

Although no rice was thrown, an American, and probably a world-wide sentiment was expressed: "Mit den besten Wunschen und viel Glück." (With the best of wishes and lots of luck)



GERMAN NEWLYWEDS: Alex Fleischier and Fraulein Eva Griner, wearing traditional Bavarian dress, were married Friday in Berrien courthouse

by Magistrate Joyce Bucher. Couple is vacationing in St. Joseph, and will return to Germany in a few weeks. (Staff photo)

## Fuel Shortage Doesn't Halt Gas Station Construction

Numerous Twin Cities area service stations have felt the pinch of the gasoline shortage, and a few have had to cease operations.

But two major oil companies seem to be optimistic, since they are constructing two new gasoline stations on M-139 in Benton township—about a mile away from each other.

Construction is currently underway on a new Marathon station at the corner of M-139 and Napier avenue, and an Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) station at the intersection of M-139 and Nickerson avenue.

The contractor for the Marathon station, Sigo Construction Co. of Benton Harbor, estimated the station should be completed in about four weeks. Employees of

a South Bend construction firm building the ARCO station said it should be ready to open in about five or six weeks.

Another Marathon station, Rex's, is located about 1½ miles from the new one, on M-139 at I-94. Another ARCO station, Judy's, is at 1583 Pipestone road, about two miles from the new ARCO station.

Don Brines, district sales manager for Marathon, said he doesn't think the new Marathon station will have "an adverse effect" on Rex's Marathon.

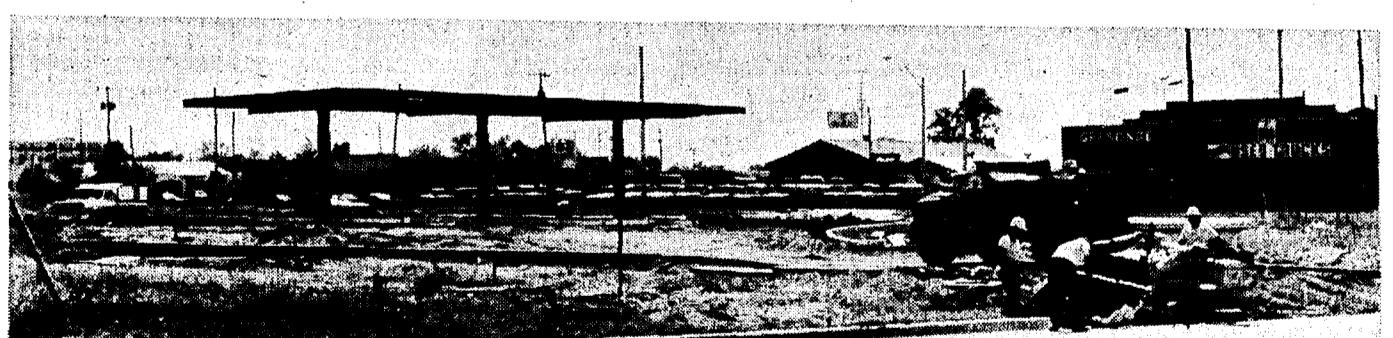
He explained that Rex's handles primarily freeway traffic, and the other station will be geared to local traffic. In addition, the new Marathon station will feature a car wash facility.

Brines said the new station will get most of the

gasoline that was projected for it during preliminary surveys, and that the new one will not draw gas away from those stations currently being supplied by Marathon.

He said construction began on the new station before the gas shortage became a serious problem, so construction was allowed to continue. Brines stated the new one in Benton township is the only Marathon station that is currently under construction in the entire Ft. Wayne district, which encompasses northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan.

No spokesman from ARCO could be reached, despite calls to Illinois, South Bend, and the Benton Harbor area.



NEW ARCO STATION: A new ARCO service station is being built at the intersection of M-139 and Nickerson avenue in Benton township, despite reported gasoline shortages. View looks across

Nickerson. Station should be completed in five or six weeks, according to construction workers. (Staff photo)



MARATHON SERVICE STATION: New Marathon station, at the intersection of M-139 and Napier avenue, Benton township, will also feature a car wash. View looks across M-139. It is the only

Marathon station under construction in northern Indiana and southwestern Michigan according to Marathon official. (Staff photo)



BURNING MORTGAGE: Benjamin Donaldson (left) ignites three-page mortgage Seinan Judo Institute of St. Joseph has just paid off. Club borrowed \$4,500 to purchase four and a half acres in Lincoln township for site of future club headquarters. Ian Reed holds tray while Director Don Wickham helps get fire started. Burning ceremony was festive occasion for the 30-member club. (Staff Photo)

## Building Planned

# Mortgage Tumbled By Judo Institute

Seinan Judo Institute, Inc., of St. Joseph burned its mortgage last week—one of the significant milestones in the 12-year history of the organization.

The \$4,500 mortgage on four and a half acres of land in Lincoln township off Wilson road, was paid last week. Now said Don Wickham, founder and director of the Judo club, plans can be started in earnest toward building a club headquarters.

While raising the money to pay off the mortgage, club members have been busy landscaping the grounds, planting numerous fir trees and shrubs.

Seinan started 12 years ago in a vacant store in the 100 block of State street where the St. Joseph Holiday Inn parking lot is located. Urban renewal forced the club to move to the A. B.

Morse building and when that structure was torn down the club moved to its present location, the 505 Building on Pleasant street, St. Joseph.

Last fall, Wickham said, Seinan's status changed from a community service club to a state approved educational institute.

In addition to serving the general public, Seinan provides instruction for accredited judo courses at Lake Michigan college and for area law enforcement agencies.

Wickham also announced Dave Simanton and Ian Reed had advanced to Brown belt; Craig Polleschi and Doug Wells to Green belt; Jack Arent and Andy Bedunah, adults to Green stripe;

Didy Polk and Benjamin Donaldson, juniors to Yellow belt; and Scott Palmer, David Summers and Ernie Maddox, juniors to Yellow stripe.

## Man Is Hospitalized After Fall From Pier

A Kalamazoo county man, rescued from Lake Michigan after slipping off the south pier in St. Joseph Friday night, was admitted to Memorial hospital for observation.

St. Joseph police identified the victim as Joseph M. Wheeler, 54, of Richland, who reportedly slipped from near the end of the pier.

Police said two Benton township men, Francis Dunn and Norman Bridwell, both of

650 South Crystal avenue, pulled Wheeler from the water. Police said officers, called by the St. Joseph Coast Guard station, arrived to find coast guardsmen and a St. Joseph couple, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kleaveland, 2602 Willa drive, administering first aid.

Witnesses reported that the victim was walking on the pier near the edge, turned to walk back, and slipped. The accident was reported at 8:50 p.m.

## Ambulance Driver Helps Catch Suspect

An alert ambulance driver was credited by Benton Harbor police in the apprehension of a 16-year-old boy, shortly after a purse snatching was reported at 4:40 p.m. Friday.

Police said the arrest may clear up two other purse snatching and a couple of burglaries.

Credited for his alertness was Dennis Leavitt, a driver for Rampart Ambulance Co. and a brother of Benton Harbor Det.

Bruce Leavitt overheard a police radio description of a

purse snatcher and saw a person matching the description. This was on Pipestone, about five blocks from the incident. Leavitt kept the person in sight and kept police informed of the locations. He used the two-way radio in the ambulance.

The boy, of Benton Harbor, was apprehended on Heck court. The purse, with contents including \$80 in cash was recovered.

The report was received from Mrs. Phyllis Bradford, 33, of 941 Pearl street, Benton Harbor, who said the purse was

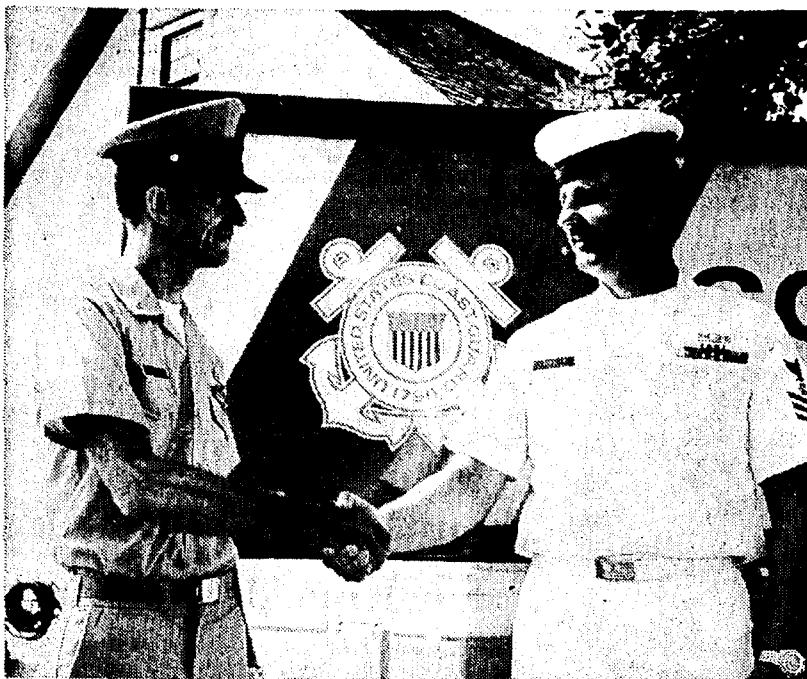
snatched from her 11-year-old daughter, while the two were walking on Empire. The assailant reportedly appeared from an alley off Empire, between Ogden and Superior. No one was injured, police indicated.

The police report stated that the crime may have been unsolved, if the ambulance driver hadn't overheard radio traffic and kept police informed. The boy was booked on a charge of strong-arm robbery, and lodged in jail. He was to be petitioned to juvenile court.

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FROM SOUTH HAVEN TO ST. JOSEPH: Chief Joseph Zwawa, Jr., (left) formerly the officer in charge of the South Haven Coast Guard station, formally took over command of the St. Joseph Coast Guard station Friday from BM1 Jim Johnson. Chief Zwawa commanded the South Haven station from April, 1970 to the decommissioning of the station earlier this month. He is 16-year-veteran of the Coast Guard. Johnson has served as acting officer in charge three times in his five years at St. Joseph. He is 18-year veteran of the Coast Guard. (Staff photo)

## Tom McCall Saves Money For Berrien Sheriff Lieutenant's Job Bargain-Hunter's Dream

BY BRANDON BROWN

Staff Writer

Tom B. McCall has a job that's a bargain-hunter's dream come true.

McCall, a Berrien sheriff's lieutenant and director of the county Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP), successor to Civil Defense, drives about twice a month to Lansing to buy federal surplus property at bargain-baseball rates.

He explains that the items he sees at the State of Michigan federal surplus property warehouse on North Logan in

Lansing are castoff U.S. military items from all over the globe. The federal government makes the property available to other government agencies, hospitals and schools—no sales to individuals—for only the cost of transporting the goods to Lansing.

"Military surplus" usually conjures up visions of worn-out bombers, dented helmets and rusty rifles. But the stuff Uncle Sam has available is more mundane, like stretchers, pots, chalkboards, desks, typewriters, adding machines, blankets, mattresses, shovels, chairs, rakes, bolts, property tags, telephones, nails, wire, transistors, paper goods and even portable aluminum telephone poles.

McCall makes up a shopping list of what county government, sheriff's department and jail want, and he also acts as scout for items sought by townships, cities and villages here. They use McCall's authority to buy but handle their own procurements to avoid financial snarls.

The buyer has to know a bargain when he sees it and snap it up, McCall says.

"Most of the things come through there on a one-shot deal," he said. "If you see it and you want it, you'd better get it or it'll be gone."

"The telephones, for example. They must have had over 3,000 of them. I picked up 45 a couple months ago and went back last week."

"They were down to 3."

McCall's been making procurements over a year and a half and estimates the savings to county government in the thousands of dollars, even after discounting his and helpers' salaries and travel to and from Lansing.

His coups include cloth-backed property tags, file folder fasteners and desks.

He bought 10,000 tags, a 1½-year supply for the county jail inmate property room, for \$2.50 a thousand compared to \$7.66 a thousand for similar tags at retail.

He bought 20,000 file folder fasteners — little metal clips — for 20 cents a hundred compared to \$3.20 to \$6.50 a hundred retail, depending on size. That's more than a year's supply for the courthouse.

"Then there are the desks we've procured up there," he says. "We've procured probably 20 within the last six months at an average of \$15 apiece. The going price for a comparable new desk is \$170, probably."

"Some of the ones we bought are near-new. Others need a coat of paint and a formica top at an additional \$12.50 per desk."

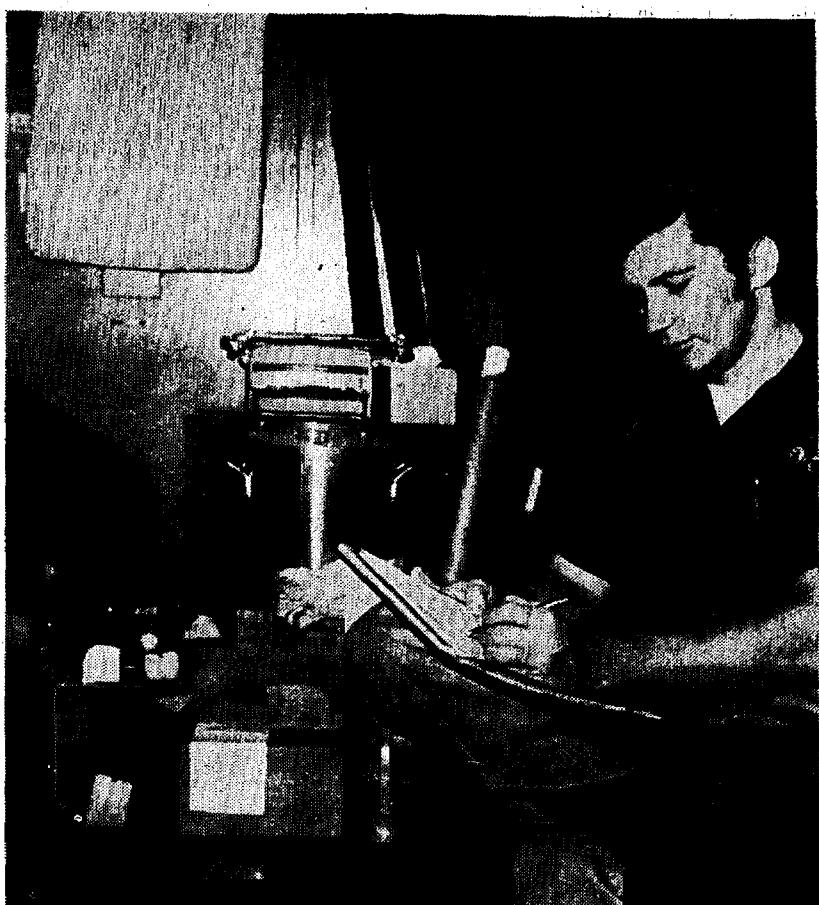
The closest he's been to getting stung is a pair of \$40 each electric typewriters. They need \$60 each in repairs for first-class condition but both are in use so it wasn't too bad a deal, he says.

Isn't buying surplus cheating private business out of potential sales? Maybe so, McCall says, but there are two overriding factors—federal surplus already has been bought and paid with taxpayers' dollars, and it's headed for use by tax-supported institutions.

Some 11 local units of government are taking advantage of the opportunity to buy surplus through McCall and he hopes to develop a surplus procurement procedure handbook to encourage even more units.

There's a separate program for schools and hospitals. Once accredited by the state, they can buy on their own, he said.

But there's always a catch. The property McCall buys stays in Uncle Sam's name for two years, then ownership reverts to the Berrien County OEP and is



FROM UNCLE SAM'S STORE: Tom McCall inventories some military surplus items he's bought on behalf of county government recently at bargain-basement rates. They include telephones (\$1.51), chair (5), stretchers (\$10), mattresses (\$1.51), 40-quart cookpots (\$10), chalkboards (\$1.25), electric typewriters (\$40), blankets (\$2.50). All are for government use and individuals can't buy. (Staff photo)

## Youth Camps Must Pass Health Checks

Annual inspections of Berrien county's 22 youth camps are to begin about July 1 by environmentalists from the Berrien county health department.

"We feel this is a necessary part of the environmental scheme because at no other point during the year are children as exposed to each other and the physical environment as at their stay at camp," said Edward Golson, head environmentalist.

"We go over them pretty thoroughly."

His staff inspects camps on behalf of the state department of social services, the licensing agency, to "maintain a high

level of standard from all environmental aspects of camp life, including sewage disposal, potable water supplies, food service facilities, swimming pools, bathing areas and general safety and sanitation," Golson said.

Inspectors spend up to a half day at each camp. Those that routinely pass inspection get a full license. Those that don't can get provisional licenses while making corrections.

Camps that don't make corrections in a reasonable period don't get licenses, Golson said.

## Activities Underway For Coloma Youths

COLOMA — A summer activity program for young people from pre-school age to high school is underway in Coloma.

Mrs. Luanne Schwyn, a member of the sponsoring Coloma parents advisory committee, said she is hopeful that the program will involve hundreds of children and youths over the course of the summer.

She said the committee can use all of the volunteer help it can get in organizing and coordinating activities, which will

range from teen dances to softball.

Second in the series of dances for seventh through twelfth graders is scheduled from 8:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, in the junior high school parking lot and will feature music by the "Atlantic Steel Pier." Admission is 50 cents.

Softball for girls of middle school and junior high school ages begins Monday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the new girls diamond on Coloma avenue.

Scheduled Thursday, June 28, is the first of a planned series of picnics. The event, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lions park, is for first to fourth grade children. Other events planned include field trips and movies.

First field trip is scheduled in July to the nature center, said Mrs. Dorothy Myrick, chairman. Exact times and other details will be announced later.

Movies will begin Monday, July 2, at Coloma high school auditorium at 8 p.m.

"The films are world famous family entertainment films and planned for pre-schoolers, students and adults," said Mrs. Schwyn. Donation will be 25 cents.

"These activities will require a lot of time and involve a lot of people," she added. "And in order to carry them out, we need help from Coloma adults."

Mrs. Schwyn asked that persons interested in volunteering time to the program to contact her, 468-3338; Sandy Fobel, general chairman, 468-8161; Judy Matthews, dance chairman, 468-6435; Margaret Schmidt, picnic chairman, 468-6974, or Dorothy Myrick, movie chairman, 926-7995.

### Buchanan Drops Drug Charges

BUCHANAN — Charges of violation of the controlled substances act against two Niles men and a woman were dropped yesterday, according to city police here.

Buchanan officers said charges were dropped after it was determined that several pills found in their car were prescription medication.

Arrested and later released were Bruce E. Leach, 18, of 1886 Lewis drive; Charles G. Evans, 20, of 1063 Almagus drive, and Debra K. Hutchinson, 17, address undetermined.

Police said the arrests were made after a car driven by Leach was stopped on West Front street early Friday morning for an alleged speeding violation. Police said Leach was cited for speeding.



BOAT FEES BEGIN: Billy Smith (right) of 610 Court street, St. Joseph, pays fee to Reserve Police Officer Clyde Rodgers, early this morning as Benton Harbor initiates boat launching fee system at Riverview drive ramp. City began collecting \$2 fee for each boat that is licensed to a non-resident, at 5 a.m. today. Boats licensed to Benton Harbor residents are exempt from \$2 charge for use of city launching ramp. Each non-resident boater is issued identification card to serve as proof of payment, upon return to ramp. By 6 a.m. this morning, Officer Rodgers had issued 15 fee cards. (Staff photo)

## Eau Claire Church Breaks Ground For School Addition

EAU CLAIRE — Ground has been broken for the addition of a third classroom and other facilities to the Grace Evangelical Lutheran school in Eau Claire.

The K-8 private school is affiliated with Grace Evangelical Lutheran church and is located behind the church building on Grace street.

Church officials report the addition will be

ready for classes this September.

The 1,600 square foot addition will add a classroom, a faculty workroom, a janitor's room and hallway to the present two classroom building.

Rev. Richard Shimrek is Grace Evangelical Lutheran pastor. Robert Fecho was chairman of the school addition building committee.



MAKING PLANS FOR CLINIC: Berrien County Shrine club will hold a clinic for handicapped children Thursday, June 28 starting at 10 a.m. at B'nai Shalom temple, Broadway and Delaware, Fairplain. Phil Sax (right), assistant chairman of crippled children's committee, said purpose of clinic is to determine if Shrine hospital can help the child. There is no cost and services are available to handicapped children regardless of race, color, creed or financial status. Checking details of the clinic are Nathaniel S. Tuchman, (left) chairman of the crippled children's committee; and Dr. George Atwell, Stevensville dentist, who will be one of examining physicians. (Staff Photo)

## Home Gardening Questions Will Be Answered Thursday

Persons interested in home gardening can get answers to their questions on fertilizers and sprays at an open meeting next Thursday at 7:30 p.m., at the Youth Memorial building, Berrien Springs.

James Neibauer, Berrien county extension agent for vegetables, will be on hand to discuss with homeowners various problems in

raising a garden.

Topics to be discussed will include lawn care, ornamental shrubs, gardens, tree care, flower beds and any other questions which homeowners may have. Materials will also be available listing recommendations on what sprays to use and fertilizers that will be used throughout the year. The public is invited.

subject to call-up in the event of a disaster here.

"But if there was a widespread emergency in this county, every resource would be used — so it doesn't make any difference, really," McCall says.

Federal surplus procurement is growing more popular in Berrien. McCall said he believes

One went to Hagan township, two to Berrien Springs, two to Galien and one to Watervliet township.

"They were in good condition," he says. "They run over \$6,000 new to the government."

Now if he can only figure out a good use for surplus diesel engines, parachutes, snow skis, life rafts, medical equipment,

# Two Convicted By Juries In Circuit Court

Two Benton Harborites were convicted by juries Friday in Berrien circuit court, one on a charge of uttering and



**COLLEGE PRESIDENT:** Dr. William J. Yankee, executive vice president of Delta College near Bay City, has been named president of Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. (AP Wirephoto)

## 'Pot Harvesters' Pick Wrong Plant

"Although there was the intent, they got the wrong plant," stated Berrien Sheriff's Lt. Ronald Schalon in his report on two young would-be "pot" harvesters.

The harvesters, identified as two 16-year-old Stevensville boys, were remanded to their parents, and no charges were filed.

Schalon said a plant, almost identical in appearance to marijuana, was being picked and put into a bag in a field near Roosevelt school, Stevensville.

The harvest was interrupted by Schalon, on patrol about 11:20 a.m. Friday.

## SJ Grad Promoted To Army Major



MAJOR TERRY MONTEI

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Monte, St. Joseph, received word their son, Terry, has been promoted to major in the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corp.

Major Monte, 31, is a graduate of St. Joseph High school, Ferris State college and the Career Officers' Quartermaster school at Fort Lee, Va.

He received his master's degree in the science of systems management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Paterson Air Force base, Dayton, Ohio.

Major Monte had two tours of duty in Vietnam as an advisor. He and his wife, Kathleen, and two children, Amy and Michael, live at Fort Lee, Va.

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## Van Buren Court Drops Check Charge



**WAR GAMES:** Teenage members of a paramilitary unit combine work with play as some swim while others guard an outpost along the Saigon River 15

## Five Are Hurt In Three Crashes

Five persons, including two girls riding in a trailer loaded with hay, were injured in traffic accidents investigated Friday by Twin Cities area police.

Berrien sheriff's officers said the two girls, Pamela Cole, 15, of 5996 Legion road, Stevensville, and Lisa Woodfin, 15, of 3192 Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph, were injured when a trailer hitch and safety chains broke, causing the hay trailer to pull away from the truck. Pamela was admitted to Memorial hospital with a reported slight concussion, while Lisa was treated and released.

Deputies said the accident occurred about 6:30 p.m. Friday, on Hinchman road, near Date road in Lake township. The truck driver was Fred Lee Jeffrey, 49, of 3181 Lake Shore drive, St. Joseph.

Benton township police said Tina McCarley, 6, of 815 Milo, Benton Heights, was treated at Mercy hospital, after a bicycle she was riding and a car collided about 8:05 p.m. Friday, on

## Easy To Spot

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) — If you see a car with "City of Birmingham" painted on the doors, police ask that you, "Take picture" of the driver, he might be a car thief."

The city-owned car was stolen from a parking lot Friday after a city building official parked it and left the keys inside.

publishing and the other on a charge of assault with intent to commit armed robbery.

Jurors in Judge Chester J. Burns' court ended a two-day trial for Curtis Williams, Jr., 18, of 1061 Maiden lane, Benton Harbor, by deliberating about 3½ hours before convicting him on the felony assault charge.

He was accused of assaulting Caroline Landrith of Benton Harbor with a blank pistol last Jan. 30 on Empire avenue in the city with intent to rob.

Williams was returned to jail to await sentence of up to life. Presenting the state's case was Assistant Prosecutor Robert McDowell, St. Joseph Atty. Richard Globensky presented the defense.

Jurors in Judge Julian Hughes' court deliberated nearly 2½ hours to end a two-day trial for Tommy Clifton Gorman, 25, of 855 Edgewcombe, Benton Harbor, with a guilty verdict on an uttering and publishing charge.

It alleged he passed a forged \$248 check Feb. 23 at Inter-City Bank in Benton Harbor.

Gorman's \$1,500 bail was revoked and he was remanded to jail to await sentence of up to 14 years.

Quentin Fulcher, chief of the prosecutor's trial division, conducted the state's case, Gorman was defended by St. Joseph Atty. Donald Bleich.

**RETIREE HONORED:** Gaylord Caszatt, principal of Fairplain East and Northeast schools, and his wife, Dorothy, were honored recently on their retirements after more than 60 combined years in education. Mrs. Joan Humphrey (center) presents gift to Caszatt from staffs of two schools. He retires with 38 years in education including three as superintendent of the former Fairplain district when major building program was approved by voters. Mrs. Caszatt most recently taught at Columbus elementary school in Benton Harbor district.

## Dowagiac Police Quickly Find Auto

## BERRIEN Health Workers Get State Tasks

DOWAGIAC — Dowagiac police early this morning recovered a Dewey Lake man's car 15 minutes after he reported it stolen.

According to police, officers on patrol were stopped by Rolland Lynn, route 5, Dewey Lake, Dowagiac, at 2:30 a.m. and told by Lynn that his car was taken from a parking place on South Front street.

Officers broadcast a description of the car, and at 2:45 a.m. spotted it in the First Savings and Loan association parking lot, Pennsylvania avenue. An occupant of the car, a 20-year-old Dowagiac man, was arrested and charged with the theft of the car. His name was not revealed by police, pending authorization of charges against him by the county prosecutor.

The car was the second this week recovered by city police quickly after being reported stolen. The first was recovered Sunday night, seven minutes after it was reported stolen.

A Kalamazoo man, Joseph Balkema, was treated for rib fractures at Mercy hospital, after being pinned beneath a van truck Friday afternoon.

Benton township police said the accident was reported at 4 p.m. and occurred on Pipestone at 1-94. Police said Balkema was working on the truck, when it slipped off a jack.

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Three key members of the Berrien county health department have been appointed to state-level organizations studying local and state health departments.

Berrien's health department director, Dr. Robert P. Loecey, has been named by the Michigan Health Officers association as chairman of a committee studying the relationship between state and local health departments. The committee is acting with state health department cooperation, it was reported.

Jerry Erickson, department administrator, and Mrs. Harry (Donna) Schulz, administrative assistant, have been appointed members of two state health department organizations working to create uniformity among local health departments.

Erickson's committee is to develop a uniform financial management system for local health departments. Mrs. Schulz's unit is a task force on local public health personnel, especially for uniform job classifications and personnel policies.

## POLICE NEWS

## Man Suffers Knife Wound In Benton

A Benton township man, Robert Campbell, 22, of 1058 Hall street, received a three-inch deep cut to the left shoulder from a man wielding a butcher knife late Friday night, according to township police.

Police said the incident occurred during a reported quarrel at a house on Charles street. The victim was taken to Mercy hospital by ambulance. No arrest was made, pending further investigation, police indicated.

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